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- 1. ON JANUARY 24, THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR CARRIED AN ARTICLE BY DAN SOUTHERLAND HEADLINED, "CABLES HINTED FAST U.S. RAPPORT WITH THAILAND". SOUTHERLAND STATES THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE IS BASED ON OFFICIAL CABLES FROM EMBASSY BANGKOK. THE SOUTHERLAND ARTICLE IS BEING CARRIED AS AN X ITEM IN THE USIA WIRELESS FILE OF JANUARY 24.
- 2. AS YET WE HAVE RECEIVED NO QUESTIONS ON THE SOUTHERLAND STORY. YOU MAY DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE, SHOULD YOU RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES:

QUESTION: THE CSM SAYS TODAY THAT ACCORDING TO LEAKED CABLES FROM OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK MOST OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH THAILAND DISAPPEARED AFTER THE ADVENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT THERE. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS? UNCLASSIFIED

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ANSWER: WE DON'T COMMENT ON STORIES BASED ON ALLEGEDLY LEAKED CABLES.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH THAILAND BEFORE AND AFTER THE ACCESSION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT LAST FALL?

ANSWER: AS WE SAID AT THAT TIME, OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND WERE AND ARE GOOD.
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